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SUBJ: UNRWA CASH CRISIS

1. UNRWA LIAISON OFFICE NEW YORK RECEIVED FOLLOWING TELEGRAM DEC 11: QUOTE: SERIOUSLY SHORT OF CASH FOR DEC PAYROLLS. REQUEST YOU MOST URGENTLY (A) DETERMINE IF UN COULD LOAN US ONE MILLION DOLLARS (HOPEFULLY REPAYABLE IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY AT LATEST) AND IF SO BY SATURDAY AS PAYROLLS ARE ALWAYS PAID EARLY IN DEC, (B) REQUEST REPRESENTATIVES OF FRANCE PARTICULARLY PLUS CANADA, SAUDI ARABIA, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES AND IRAQ TO URGE THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO MAKE IMMEDIATE PAYMENT THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AND (C) INQUIRE OF U.S. REPRESENT-ATIVE POSSIBILITY OF PAYMENT PART OF HIS GOVERNMENT'S 1973/74 PLEDGE. WE NEED MINIMUM OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS TO COMPLETE COVERAGE DEC PAYROLLS AND IF AVAILABILITY NOT REPEAT NOT ASSURED BY SATURDAY WE PLAN EFFECT INITIAL PAYMENT ONLY 50 PER CENT AND TO PAY BALANCE AFTER CHIRSTMAS IF FUNDS AVAILABLE AS ONLY POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE. EFFECT ON STAFF AND OTHER PARTIES WOULD OF COURSE BE VERY SERIOUS. PLEASE REPLY URGENTLY. (S) CALLOW END QUOTE. UNCLASSIFIED

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- 2. HAVE INFORMED UNRWA LIAISON OFFICE THAT EARLY U.S. CONTRIBUTION FOR DEC EXPECTED MIDDLE NEXT WEEK.
- 3. WE UNDERSTOOD THAT FINANCIAL SITUATION NOT EXPECTED REACH CRISIS STAGE UNTIL JANUARY 1974 AT EARLIEST. WOULD APPRECIATE BEIRUT COMMENTS ON CALLOW'S TELEGRAM INCLUDING REASON FOR APPARENT UNANTICIPATED CASH SHORTAGE FOR DEC SALARY PAYMENTS. BENNETT

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